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Preface

THE present volume is the first attempt made in any country to describe the history surrounding the chief works which have been published in its language without an author's name or with some disguise. The subject covers a vast extent of ground, and many tracts remain unexplored by me. They await the advent of another bibliographer.

The theme is full of interest, and I hope that its attraction has not altogether evaporated in my handling.

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